GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Supply of Coal to Power Sector
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the supply of coal to the power sector by Coal India Limited (CIL) saw a fall of six per cent at less than 34 million tonnes in October, 2016;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government is considering to cut down coal production as demand for coal has come down drastically; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): During the period April, 2016 to December, 2016, the coal based power generation grew by 6.18 per cent to 674.492 Billion Units over the same period in the previous year. Dispatch of coal and coal products to power sector from Coal India Limited (CIL) sources in October, 2016 was 31.91 Million Tonnes (MT) as against 34.50 MT in October, 2015. This was due to more than adequate availability of coal in stock at power plants and better quality of coal resulting in improvement of Station Heat Rate and reduction in coal consumption per unit of power, despite higher generation.

(c) & (d):The target of coal production for CIL for 2017-18 has been as 600 MT. The coal production of CIL have been 462.422 MT, 494.238 MT, 538.754 MT and 554.14 MT in the years 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 & 2016-17 respectively. There is a continuous annual growth in coal production by CIL.

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